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SUBJ: VISAS FOR US EXPERTS AND WORKING GROUPS

1. DURING MEETING ON AUGUST 26 WITH MINISTER OF
TAT
FOR FINANCE ABA AL-KHAIL, CHARGE SAID USG WANTED TO
COOPERATE RAPIDLY AND COMPLETELY WITH SAG WITHIN FRANE-
WORK OF
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (TCA) CHARGE
NOTED THAT WHILE PROCESSING OF EXPERTS FOR SAUDI ARABIA
SO FAR SEEMS SATISFACTORY, IT MIGHT STILL BE USEFUL IF
SAUDI EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON WERE OFFICIALLY ASKED TO
EXPEDITE HANDLING OF US ADVISERS WHO WOULD BE COMING
TO SAUDI ARABIA UNDER TNA AUSPICES.

2. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT THERE MIGHT WELL BE OCCASIONS
WHEN USG ABILITY TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO A SAUDI REQUEST
COULD BE SLOWED DOWN BY NEED TO ASSEMBLE NECESSARY PAPER-
WORK. ABA AL-KHAIL SAID HE HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED SAUDI
EMBASSY WOULD IMMEDIATELY ISSUE VISAS TO ALL USG PER-
SONNEL UPON DEMAND, WITHOUT NEED FOR ANY BACK-UP MAT-
ERIAL. HE AGREED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MINIMIZE ANY
IMPEDIMENTS ON TRAVEL OF US OFFICIALS TO SAUDI ARABIA.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, IN CHARGE'S PRESENCE, ABA AL-KHALIL
DICTATED TO HIS SECRETARY A TELEGRAM TO BE SENT VIA
MFA TO SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE TELEGRAM IN-
STRUCTED SAUDI EMBASSY PROMPTLY TO ISSUE VISAS TO ALL
TRAVELERS WHOM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CERTIFIES ARE
COMING TO SAUDI ARABIA UNDER AUSPICES OF US-SAUDI
SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.
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